

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please amend Claims 1 and 6 – 32, as follows:

4 1. (Currently Amended) A method for utilizing personal information to customize an  
5 application program, comprising the steps of:

6 receiving personal information from a user corresponding to a unique user  
7 identity, wherein the personal information includes at least one of the user's:

8 surname;

9 given name;

10 address;

11 set of initials;

12 telephone number; and

13 firm name;

14 creating a user record for each unique user identity including the personal information;  
15 storing multiple user records with personal information that corresponds to a plurality  
16 of unique user identities, each of the user records being accessible by a plurality of application  
17 programs; and

18 upon identifying the unique user identity applicable to execution of an application  
19 program that is included in the plurality of application programs, sharing the personal information  
20 corresponding with the unique user identity with the application program, wherein the personal  
21 information is applied to an output of the application program.

22 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
23 in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to the unique user identity,  
24 retrieving the user record including the personal information;  
25 modifying the user record including the personal information with the new personal  
26 information; and  
27 sharing the new personal information with the application program, wherein the new  
28 personal information is applied to an output of the application program.

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1           3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
2           in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to a new unique user  
3 identity,  
4           creating a user record including the new personal information corresponding to the  
5 new unique user identity; and  
6           sharing the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity  
7 with the application program, wherein the new personal information corresponding to the new unique  
8 user identity is applied to an output of the application program.

9           4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, further comprising the steps of:  
10          in response to receiving a change in user identity,  
11          retrieving the user record corresponding to the changed user identity; and  
12          sharing personal information associated with the user record corresponding to the  
13 changed user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information associated with  
14 the user record corresponding to the changed user identity is applied to an output of the application  
15 program.

16          5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the user record in  
17 a framework identity database.

18          6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of receiving personal  
19 information further comprises; the step of sending the personal information to a shared code library  
20 for ~~one or more~~ the plurality of application programs, wherein the shared code library sends the  
21 personal information to the framework identity database.

22          7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal  
23 information corresponding to a unique user identity further comprises the step of receiving the  
24 personal information through a user interface.

25          8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal  
26 information corresponding to a unique user identity further comprises the step of receiving one of  
27 ~~new or~~ and previously stored personal information from one of a computer ~~or~~ and a network.

28          9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of sharing the personal  
29 information with the application program further comprises the step of customizing an output of the  
30 application program using the personal information.

1           10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the user interface ~~consists of~~  
2 comprises at least one of ~~the following group~~: a graphical user interface, a mouse, a keyboard, a  
3 touch-sensitive display screen, and a voice recognition interface.

4           11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the personal information  
5 ~~consists of~~ comprises at least one of ~~the following group~~: a user name, an address, a telephone  
6 number, a picture, a speech pattern, a preference, ~~or~~ and a list.

7           12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the personal information  
8 ~~consists of~~ at least one of ~~the following group~~: a dictionary, an auto-correct list, a menu option, a  
9 dialog layout, a dictionary setting, a grammar setting, a help list, ~~or~~ and a user preference list.

10           13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the output ~~consists of~~ at least one  
11 of ~~the following group~~: a document, a template, a wizard, a command, a tab, a preference, ~~or~~ and a  
12 feature.

13           14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the application program  
14 ~~consists of~~ at least one of ~~the following group~~: a word processor, an electronic spreadsheet, a  
15 graphical presentation program, an electronic personal information manager, ~~or~~ and an electronic  
16 mail program.

17           15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the application program  
18 comprises a plurality of ~~application programs~~ modules.

19           16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal  
20 information ~~further~~ comprises the step of receiving personal information from a second application  
21 program.

22           17. (Currently Amended) A computer system for utilizing personal information to customize  
23 an application program comprising:

24           a memory for storing an application program, machine instructions, and a framework identity  
25 database; and

26           a ~~processing unit~~ processor functionally coupled to the memory, for executing  
27 ~~computer-executable~~ the machine instructions and in response thereto, being operable for:

28           receiving personal information from a user corresponding to a unique user  
29 identity, wherein the personal information includes at least one of the user's:

30           surname;

1                    given name;  
2                    address;  
3                    set of initials;  
4                    telephone number; and  
5                    firm name;  
6                    creating a user record for each unique user identity including the personal information;  
7                    storing multiple user records with personal information that corresponds to a plurality  
8 of unique user identities, each of the user records being accessible by a plurality of application  
9 programs; and  
10                   upon identifying the unique user identity applicable to execution of an application  
11 program included in the plurality of application programs, sharing the personal information  
12 corresponding with the unique user identity with the application program, wherein the personal  
13 information is applied to an output of the application program.  
14                   18. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 14 17, wherein the machine  
15 instructions further comprising the steps of cause the processor to:  
16                   in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to the unique user identity,  
17                   ~~retrieving~~ retrieve the user record including the personal information;  
18                   ~~modifying~~ modify the user record including the personal information with the new  
19 personal information; and  
20                   ~~sharing~~ share the new personal information with the application program, wherein the  
21 new personal information is applied to an output of the application program.  
22                   19. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine  
23 instructions further comprising the steps of cause the processor to:  
24                   in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to a new unique user  
25 identity,  
26                   ~~creating~~ create a user record including the new personal information corresponding to  
27 the new unique user identity; and  
28                   ~~sharing~~ share the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user  
29 identity with the application program, wherein the new personal information corresponding to the  
30 new unique user identity is applied to an output of the application program.

1           20. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the machine  
2 instructions further comprising the steps of cause the processor to:

3           in response to receiving a change in user identity,

4                 ~~retrieving~~ retrieve the user record corresponding to the changed user identity; and

5                 ~~sharing~~ share personal information associated with the user record corresponding to  
6 the changed user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information associated  
7 with the user record corresponding to the changed user identity is applied to an output of the  
8 application program.

9           21. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine  
10 instructions further comprising the step of storing cause the processor to store the user record in a the  
11 framework identity database.

12           22. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 21, wherein the ~~step of receiving~~  
13 ~~personal information machine instructions further comprises, sending~~ cause the processor to send the  
14 personal information to a shared code library for ~~one or more~~ the plurality of application programs,  
15 wherein the shared code library sends the personal information to the framework identity database.

16           23. (Currently Amended) The computer system method of Claim 17, wherein the ~~step of~~  
17 ~~receiving~~ personal information corresponding to a the unique user identity is received ~~further~~  
18 ~~comprises receiving the personal information through a user interface.~~

19           24. (Currently Amended) The computer system method of Claim 17, wherein the ~~step of~~  
20 ~~receiving~~ personal information corresponding to a the unique user identity ~~further comprises~~  
21 ~~receiving~~ is received as one of new or and previously stored personal information from one of a  
22 computer ~~or and~~ a network.

23           25. (Currently Amended) The computer system method of Claim 17, wherein the ~~step of~~  
24 ~~sharing the personal information with the application program~~ the machine instructions further  
25 ~~comprises customizing~~ cause the processor to customize an output of the application program using  
26 the personal information.

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1           26. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, ~~wherein the~~ further comprising  
2 a user interface consists of comprising at least one of ~~the following group~~: a graphical user interface,  
3 a mouse, a keyboard, a touch-sensitive display screen, and a voice recognition interface.

4           27. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal  
5 information ~~consists of~~ comprises at least one of ~~the following group~~: a user name, an address, a  
6 telephone number, a picture, a speech pattern, a preference, ~~or~~ and a list.

7           28. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal  
8 information ~~consists of~~ comprises at least one of ~~the following group~~: a dictionary, an auto-correct  
9 list, a menu option, a dialog layout, a dictionary setting, ~~or~~ a grammar setting, a help list, ~~or~~ and a  
10 user preference list.

11           29. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the output ~~consists of~~  
12 comprises at least one of ~~the following group~~: a document, a template, a wizard, a command, a tab, a  
13 preference, ~~or~~ and a feature.

14           30. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the application  
15 program ~~consists of~~ comprises at least one of ~~the following group~~: a word processor, an electronic  
16 spreadsheet, a graphical presentation program, an electronic personal information manager, ~~or~~ and an  
17 electronic mail program.

18           31. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the application  
19 program comprises a plurality of ~~application programs~~ modules.

20           32. (Currently Amended) The computer system method of Claim 17, wherein ~~the step of~~  
21 ~~receiving personal information further comprises receiving~~ personal information is received from a  
22 second application program.